

10 LESSONS FOR A LIFE OF SIGNIFICANCE

LESSON 1 // BE PREPARED

Big Idea: King David's life story in the Old Testament provides an observable path we can follow that leads to significance. While we may not have a prominent life like David, we can have a significant life.

The Lord wants to help you make the right choices and follow the right principles along this pathway. This begins with His preparation of your heart. God tests the condition of your heart to see if it demonstrates humility, enthusiasm, attentiveness, reliability and trust. Then, when your heart is prepared, your calling can be confirmed. This kind of preparation is key to a life of significance.

1 Samuel 16:7, 13 (NIV) *But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." ...¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.*

Discussion Questions:

This weekend we learned that God wants us to make right choices and follow right principles but in order to do this the right preparation is required of our hearts. What part of the message spoke to you the most and why?

What level (survival, success, significance) are you living your life at? Why do you think you are currently living at the level you identified?

What are you doing to prepare yourself for significance? Do you value preparation? Do you see it as something to dread or endure, or something to embrace and enjoy?

Preparation is a statement of faith for your future. A life of significance begins with proper preparation. What responsibilities and roles do you have in front of you? What can you do to make a significant impact on them?

Of the 3 steps (focusing on David's life) that we learned about, which step stood out to you the most (preparation, heart- focus, affirmation) and why?

Prayer Focus:

Lord help us to put our heart and soul into every activity we do, as though we are doing it for you and not merely for others. In Jesus' name, amen. (Colossians 3:23 TPT)

Leader Tip:

Challenge your group to come up with 3 tangible things they can do this week to make a significant impact with what God has already given them. (ex: families, work, homes, finances, etc.)